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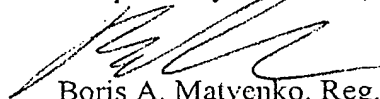
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 Customer No. : 35437
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Dear Sir,

The Applicants are respectfully submitting by facsimile a copy of this Petition to withdraw the above-pending patent from issue. The original Petition and accompanying documents and references are being hand-delivered to the Office of Petitions at the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 27, 2006. Should a clarification of record be required, please contact the undersigned representative at 212-692-6858.

Respectfully submitted,



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1. Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of Issue Fee (2 pages);
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (2 pages);
3. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages) with Modified Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
4. References A1-A7, B1, C1-C4; and
5. Returned Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (212) 935-3000, New York, New York.

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